

LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Rick Yecny.

Committee members in attendance included Bob Ackerman, Pat Albright, Paul Holman, Susie Johnston, Rayna Luvert, Tony McCown, Chris Matson, Marston Morgan, Pat Riggs-Henson, Dennis Shine, and Rick Yecny.

Also in attendance were President Mary Spilde, Vice President Sonya Christian, and Chief Financial Officer Greg Morgan.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Hall moved to approve the May 20, 2009, budget committee meeting minutes. McCown seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**2. Legislative Update**

Spilde informed the budget committee that the co-chairs' budget was set at \$423 million for community colleges. That is the biggest hit in any education sector. Spilde was fairly confident that the number will come in higher before the legislative session ends in June. The hearing for community colleges will be on June 10; community college supporters have between now and then to make the case to see that the mistake is fixed. In the meantime, Lane's FY10 budget is based on \$423 million. If state funding comes in higher, the board has the authority to move within 10 percent of the budget.

**3. Tuition**

Christian explained that the College Council Budget Subcommittee reached consensus on raising tuition. They voted on several options, everything from a \$3 to \$15 increase, but they did not reach consensus on a specific amount. The college is recommending a \$3 increase above the HEPI increase approved in January.

Matson asked for the total amount of revenue raised in the FY10 budget. Morgan responded that a \$3 tuition increase would total approximately \$990,000; a \$2 technology fee increase would total approximately \$660,000; and differential fee increases would total approximately \$442,000; therefore, the total amount of revenue raised would be just over \$2 million.

Spilde informed the committee that the student government has supported a \$3 tuition increase and \$2 technology fee increase.

Shine moved to recommend to the board a \$3 temporary surcharge increase in tuition above the HEPI increase approved in January. Mccown seconded.

**Motion passed 9 – 2. Matson and Ackerman dissented.**

#### **4. Technology Fee**

Todd Lutz, CIO, and Mark Williams, CIT Dean, provided background on the technology fee. The \$3 fee was instituted seven years ago to consolidate many of the fees being charged through various departments. The college decided to charge one flat technology fee, and it has never been adjusted for inflation. Some of the uses for the fee include computer labs, hardware and software support, assistive technologies for access; and increased access for student and wireless internet access. The college is recommending a 2\$ increase to the fee for a total of \$5 per credit.

#### **5. Additional Questions**

##### Enterprise Zones

Matson questioned why the college is not asking for more revenue, up to \$1 million, from the enterprise zones. The cafeteria, for example, could be charging more for food and beverage if you compare Lane's prices to restaurants and fast food places.

Morgan replied that it would be difficult to impossible to raise revenue from enterprise zones by \$1 million. It would be doubling the sales, and students already feel that prices are too high in the bookstore and the cafeteria. Spilde explained that many constraints are put on enterprise zone managers, who are responsible to return money to the general fund, pay their employee salaries and benefits, and not increase prices too much.

Matson moved to increase the line item for revenue from enterprise activities by \$1 million. Ackerman seconded.

**Motion failed 1 – 11. Matson consented.**

##### Foundation

Budget committee members discussed funding for the Foundation to determine if the college would be better served if it were self sufficient with no general fund allocation. If the Foundation were independent, the college would lose control of the direction of the department. The committee asked for a breakdown of expenses, which was provided by Morgan. Spilde explained that support for the Foundation was reduced some years ago and at that time it was asked to take on the support of three classified staff. Since then, one additional position was added, which the college will fund as long as there is a return on investment. Another position was added for the Opening Doors campaign, and the college will be reimbursed when that position ends. Morgan informed the committee that Accreditation Standard 7 requires a connection between the college and the

Foundation, and the best way to maintain that connection is through a funding source.

**6. Vote on Recommendation to Board of Education**

Holman moved that the Lane Community College District budget committee approve the 2009-2010 fiscal year operating budget for all funds totaling \$227,472,867. Johnston seconded.

**Motion passed 9-2. Ackerman and Matson dissented.**

The committee agreed that this operating budget would include the \$3 temporary tuition surcharge and the \$2 increase to the technology fee.

Holman moved that the Lane Community College District budget committee approve taxes for the 2009-2010 fiscal year at the permanent rate of .6191 per \$1,000 of assessed value for operating purposes.

**Motion passed 10 - 1. Shine abstained.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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